

**Michigan Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing and Bargaining Board**

**Negotiation Schedule for 2004 Processing Asparagus**

<b>Commodity</b>		<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Date</b>
Processing Asparagus	Marketing Period		April 15, 2004 – July 7, 2004
	60 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	Negotiations generally begin around this date	February 15, 2004 (Sunday)
	30 days prior to the beginning of the marketing period	Last day to opt out of bargaining	March 16, 2004 (Tuesday) – Opt out letter should be to AMBB no later than close of business on March 16, 2004
	First day of the marketing period	Arbitration timetable begins	April 15, 2004 (Thursday) is the deadline for conclusion of negotiations. Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. if no settlement exists
	Thirteenth day of marketing period	Last day to submit name of joint settlement committee person to AMBB administrative staff	April 27, 2004 (Tuesday) – Contact AMBB no later than close of business on April 27, 2004
	Fifteenth day of marketing period	Date that agreement on joint settlement person must be made	April 29, 2004 (Thursday) – Contact AMBB at 8:00 a.m. to arrange for selection of Joint Settlement Chairperson
	Thirtieth day of marketing period	Arbitration hearing should convene prior to this date.	May 14, 2004 (Friday)
	Thirty days following the beginning of the marketing period	Date that negotiated settlements are due to the AMBB administrative staff	May 15, 2004 (Saturday) – Submit to AMBB no later than close of business on May 17, 2004 (Monday)
	Twenty days following arbitration hearing completion	Joint Settlement Committee's award should be submitted to AMBB administrative staff.	Date to be determined
	Thirty days following the award of the joint settlement committee	Signed award is due to the AMBB administrative staff	Date to be determined